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s, which does not ascertain the constitution of the Irish constitution, and pledge ourselves to support Parliament in fixing its constitution of its rightful basis. Gentlemen will perceive that I allude to the transaction at Dungannon; not long ago it was a very alarming measure; but I did think otherwise, I did approve of it, and consider the meeting of Dungannon as an original transaction. As such only it was matter of surprise, what more extraordinary transaction than the attainment of Magna Charta; it was not attained by Parliament, but by the Barons, armed and in the field. A great original transaction is not founded in precedent, the revolution, the Christian religion, and the Apostles, had no precedents.

In this country every man has a share in the government and in every man has a share in speak they must confer: Now did not necessity compel them to speak—and will not their resolutions tend to restore the rights of their country—they resolve, "that a claim of any body of men, other than the King, Lords & Commons of Ireland, to make laws to bind this kingdom is unconstitutional and a grievance."

Is there any man that will deny it, for what were Volunteer Associations formed, but for the maintenance of law? and what is the assumed power of the British Parliament but a violation of all law? What is Poynings law, and the unconstitutional power of the Irish or English Privy Council, but a grievance? What is a perpetual Mutiny bill, but a grievance? Is there any man who will deny it, or say that we have not cause to complain of this execrated statute? And if you feel the injury the people are ready to support you. They protest against an independent army—against a dependent legislature—against the abomination of a foreign legislature—against the assumed authority of Coercion; they were more constitutional than non-coercive Assemblies—they have protected only against what Parliament ought to redress; and pray, Sir, have not the constituents a right to inform their representatives?—let other nations basely suppose that the people were made for Government; we assert that Government was made for the people, great and august as they are, they do but perform their periodical revolutions; even the crown that great luminary, whose brightness they all reflect, receives his clearing fire from the flame of the constitution, and therefore we may speak the sentiments of public entering; let us speak to the King as to a man who has feelings like ourselves, and like ourselves will respect the claims of liberty.

Did you ever imagine that the men who used to be laughed at in the street—did you imagine that they who were the scoff of saucy affection, should prove the saviours of their country? that they should proceed with such moderation as to be dreadful only to the enemies of their country and of their countries constitution. It England wishes well to Ireland, she has nothing to fear from her strength. The Volunteers of Ireland would die in support of England, not by alliance only, but by liberty—the Crown is one great point of union, but Magna Charta is a greater—we could get a King anywhere, but England is the only country from which we could get a constitution.

CUING THE Charles the first, supporters of the North amongst the South; the unity of the gospel of the Irishmen united. the deities of the Bill, and by so doing grew rich in the security of Ireland, gave not, but ye en the Protestant & England did not take rights as it the lead under the obligation, h gratitude the whole year, the pride of the right that a

tine face of Europe.

I have done with the supremacy of England, and shall now say a word on the appeal jurisdiction of the House of Lords.

I think, that in order to eradicate every cause of jealousy, the final judgement should reside in the Peers of Ireland—tis the dignity of the Lords to decide in questions of law as no argument: The lay Lords in both

kingdoms are incompetent—or why are the law Lords to exercise any abuse of this power? nor

Lords will exercise with caution a power referred to them by the virtue of this countrymen. Besides, let us recollect that to restore this power is a matter of necessity, for we are this day called upon to settle the conflict; and if we leave any thing unsettled, we leave any right unanswered, we offend, if

possible. The people of England are different: I have letters which assure me of it, and that the repeal of the 6th Geo. I. was opposed, because that repeal was not in it, This is the opinion of Lord Mahon, an Englishman, who understands good sense and constitution. I therefore suppose England meets our wishes, and that the new ministry intend to remove every subject of dispute, and throw themselves on the support of the people; then how can we support them if any cause of dispute be left? and surely this is cause for future opposition—England has said state your grievances; and shall we neglect to do so? If we do, and if there shall be general meetings of the people and of the Volunteers, to complain of grievance, after what is intended for a final adjustment, would not England think that there was something infamable in the Irish people? Let us then restore the appellant jurisdiction, for if that part of the act be not repealed, they leave not only the claim of British supremacy standing against us, but they leave the exercise of the power existing. It must be repealed in toto, and if repealed, their original right revert to the Peers of Lords to their privilege; either restore the Irish act of Parliament. But will the Peers expose Administration to the odium of such an act? It cannot be—the illustrious House of Peers, composed of persons of the full learning, talents and abilities—aged men, matured in wisdom—aspiring youth, ambitious to glory, never will rest in the fashionable insignificance to which they have been reduced—no they shall sit in the seat of their ancestors dispensing justice to their country. England can have no objection to this—the arbiters.

In the last forcible manner he condemned Poynings law and the mutiny bill. He

wished to become the friend of the Duke of Portland, for removing every cause of complaint from Ireland, and that these were the terms on which he was ready to support his Government: viz.

A repeal of the 6th of Gen. I. including a restoration of the appellant jurisdiction to the Lords of Ireland. An abolition of the unconstitutional power of Privy Council. And a repeat of the mutiny bill. He did not mention the Judge's bill, as he heard it was returned. Mr. Grattan then moved,

"That an humble address be presented to his Majesty, to return his thanks to this House, for his most generous message to this House, signified by his Grace the Lord Lieutenant."

"To assert his Majesty's subjects of Ireland.

"That thus encouraged by his royal

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